

POSTAL TOP STORY ABLAZE

WHILE THE WIND BLEW 70 MILES AN HOUR ABOUT THE SKYSCRAPER.

Hardware Club's Kitchen Burned Out for the Second Time—Rooms Full of Smoke and Water—Telegraph Operators Below Turned Out—Retained Under Umbrellas.

For the third time since it was erected, the tall Postal Telegraph Building at Broadway and Murray street was visited by fire last night and the chief loser by the flames, water and smoke was the Hardware Club, which had its second experience of the kind in the building in addition to the direct loss by fire and water, the telegraph business was seriously interfered with, more than 650 wires leading to all parts of the country being rendered useless till the fire was put out. Many of these wires were long parties and a big mass of unsent telegrams to private persons was held up. Even when the fire was out and the operators returned to their soaked quarters on the twelfth and thirteenth floors of the building, the fire could not be used immediately and it was several hours before the system was working at all satisfactorily.

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Statement by Lord Roberts in a Speech to Colonial Troops.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Pretoria. PRETORIA, Oct. 15.—The Concessions Commission today listened to statements from representatives of the National Bank in regard to the lease of the Pretoria tramways. The evidence aroused little interest. Each concession requested was formally objected to. Lord Roberts today reviewed the West Africans, the Victoria, the Tasmansians, the South Africans, the Queenslanders and the South African Light Horse. He made an address in which he said it was an honor to review men who had rendered such extraordinary services to the Empire. He said he was the only Field Marshal in the world who ever reviewed a conquering imperial army. Lord Roberts concluded by saying: "The war, as a war, is over, but there is still important work to be done in which your continued services are greatly required."

GEN. BULLER'S RETURN.

Orator for Him in Natal Towns—He Praises the Colonials.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Natal. NATAL, Oct. 15.—Gen. Buller, who is returning to England, arrived here this morning and is now the guest of the governor. A reception in his honor was given this afternoon. It was attended by the Colonial Ministers, the municipal officers and 2,000 citizens. In reply to an address Gen. Buller thanked the people for their welcome and for the splendid services of the Natal Volunteers. The British success, he said, was largely due to the sacrifices of the Natal colonials. On his way here Gen. Buller got enthusiastic congratulations at Newcastle and Ladysmith. Capt. Town, Oct. 15.—Gen. Buller will sail hence for England Oct. 22. Gen. Buller will probably leave for home early in November.

BOERS INFLECT SEVERE LOSS.

Engagement with the Mounted Infantry of Gen. French's Column.

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DOER CATTLE SEIZED.

Gen. Settle to Try Starvation Methods on the Boers in Bloemfontein District.

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BARGAIN TO CITY OF LONDON VOLUNTEERS.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent at London. LONDON, Oct. 15.—The City Council has decided to expend \$15,000 on a banquet to the City of London Imperial Volunteers when they arrive here from South Africa in a few days.

ROGERS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS.

Charles R. Flint Is Said to Be Interested in Their Purchase.

PATENT, Oct. 15.—It is now said that Charles R. Flint, of Flint, Eddy & Co., is behind the promoter who is handling the negotiations for the purchase of the Rogers Locomotive Works in this city. George H. Blakely, a civil engineer of this city, made an appraisal of the Rogers Locomotive Works and reported that the works are worth \$1,000,000. The Rogers Locomotive Works are located in Paterson, N. J.

FATAL FIRE IN DETROIT.

Mitchell, Son & Co.'s Rubber Cement, Burned Out—Many Injured.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 16.—A disastrous fire broke out shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon in Mitchell, Son & Co.'s rubber cement factory on Jefferson avenue. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire spread rapidly and destroyed the entire factory. Many people were injured. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire spread rapidly and destroyed the entire factory. Many people were injured.

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FIERCE OCTOBER GALE THAT SET IN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

It Crashed in Window Glass and Knocked Over Fences and Trees—Great Change in Temperature—Fence Blown Down on a Group of Children—Six Badly Hurt.

Just after Mr. Bryan came to town yesterday afternoon a great gale howled out of the northwest. It may have been drawn higher by the vortex of his mighty voice, but the weather experts say that it was really the invasion of a high area into a low barometric region off the coast. It came quickly and brought a frosty air in its wake. Before it burst upon the astonished town a wall of black vapor arose across the North River, blotting out the general view of a sun that shone almost with summer fervor from early morning.

It was one of the fiercest autumn winds that have ever struck this neighborhood. It swept across the parks of the city, whistling withered leaves from boughs fast becoming naked and sending the falling skyward in brooding flocks. All the waste paper of the streets was carried high above the buildings and all the women who happened to be out of doors in exposed places, like the Plaza of City Hall Park, had to take refuge under their skirts.

Richard followed the fiercest and most violent of the gusts, and a number of people who were out of doors were blown over. A woman who was walking alone was blown over and lay on the ground for some time. A child was blown over and lay on the ground for some time. A child was blown over and lay on the ground for some time.

There has seldom been an October howler of such force as the one which swept across the city yesterday. The wind was from the northwest and it was accompanied by a heavy rain. The wind was from the northwest and it was accompanied by a heavy rain. The wind was from the northwest and it was accompanied by a heavy rain.

Two big elm trees on the east walk in Central Park were blown over. The trees were blown over and lay on the ground for some time. The trees were blown over and lay on the ground for some time. The trees were blown over and lay on the ground for some time.

BRAVE FIREMEN REWARDED.

Winners of Two Years' Medal Announced—Chief Croker Declines One.

The names of the firemen to whom have been awarded medals for acts of the greatest bravery during the year 1898 and 1899 were announced yesterday by Commissioner Scannell. In the announcement it was declared that the Bennett medal for 1898 had been awarded to John J. Bennett, of the 10th Engine Company, for his bravery in saving the life of a child who had fallen into a well. The Bennett medal for 1899 had been awarded to John J. Bennett, of the 10th Engine Company, for his bravery in saving the life of a child who had fallen into a well.

FENCE DOWN ON SCORE OF CHILDREN.

Six Badly Hurt—Mothers Watching Almost Frantic Police Rescues Out.

The Consolidated Gas Company is erecting a new building at its plant, which takes in the square block bounded by Amsterdam and West End avenues and Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets. The building is being put up on the site of the old building. The building is being put up on the site of the old building. The building is being put up on the site of the old building.

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Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent at London. LONDON, Oct. 15.—The City Council has decided to expend \$15,000 on a banquet to the City of London Imperial Volunteers when they arrive here from South Africa in a few days.

ROGERS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS.

Charles R. Flint Is Said to Be Interested in Their Purchase.

PATENT, Oct. 15.—It is now said that Charles R. Flint, of Flint, Eddy & Co., is behind the promoter who is handling the negotiations for the purchase of the Rogers Locomotive Works in this city. George H. Blakely, a civil engineer of this city, made an appraisal of the Rogers Locomotive Works and reported that the works are worth \$1,000,000. The Rogers Locomotive Works are located in Paterson, N. J.

FATAL FIRE IN DETROIT.

Mitchell, Son & Co.'s Rubber Cement, Burned Out—Many Injured.

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800,000 DIAMOND ROBBERY.

Jewel Casket Disappears From Charles Pizer's Summer Home—Butler Goes, Too.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 15.—A jewel case containing \$200,000 worth of diamonds missing from the summer residence of Charles Pizer, in Bernards township, twelve miles from here. Mr. Pizer's butler, David Richards, has also disappeared. Mr. Pizer is a manufacturing chemist with offices at 81 Maiden lane, New York, and he lives at 295 Washington avenue, Brooklyn. Several days ago Mr. and Mrs. Pizer left their summer residence to spend a week in the city. Mr. Pizer entrusted the jewel case containing her diamonds to her French maid, who she says, concealed it for safe keeping in her own sleeping apartment. The maid reported this morning that the jewel case had been removed from its hiding place. She went in search of Richards, the butler, and found that he was missing. Richards was a Frenchman who had been in the service of the Pizers for some time. Richards was a Frenchman who had been in the service of the Pizers for some time.

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